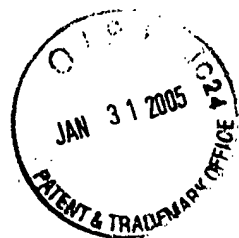


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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 27, 2004, applicant hereby cancels Figs. 8, 9, and 10, cancels specification paragraphs 31-34, cancels Claims 25-32, amends Specification Paragraphs 21, 22, and 29, amends Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15, and adds New Claims 33-37, all as follows:

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